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Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 18 March 1992 from His Excellency Mr. Abdul Wakil, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to you, together with a statement by His Excellency President Najibullah on 18 March 1992.

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 28 and 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) G. Sarwar YOURISH
Minister Counsellor
Deputy Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 18 March 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to send to you herewith a statement by His Excellency President Najibullah made on 18 March 1992 following intensive consultations and exchange of views conducted with Mr. Benon Sevan, your Personal Representative, during his recent visit to the Republic of Afghanistan.

I further have the pleasure to request you to have the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Expressing my gratitude for your sustained efforts aimed at a peaceful settlement of the situation in Afghanistan, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew my highest considerations and best wishes for your personal health and further successes.

Abdul WAKIL
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Afghanistan

APPENDIX

Statement dated 18 March 1992 by the President of Afghanistan

I have just concluded an intensive round of consultations with Mr. Benon Sevan, the Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan, concerning the Secretary-General's efforts to promote a political settlement of the Afghan question. I have given Mr. Sevan the assurances of my Government's full support for the efforts of the Secretary-General, in particular the proposed Afghan gathering.

Furthermore, I have again assured Mr. Sevan, on the basis of the proposal of His Excellency Boutros-Ghali, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the commitment I have made to the people of Afghanistan, that I will not insist on my personal participation in the proposed Afghan gathering hosted by the Secretary-General as part of the United Nations peace process.

I agree that once an understanding is reached through the United Nations process for the establishment of an interim government in Kabul, all powers and all executive authority will be transferred to the interim government as of the first day of the transition period. As stated by the Secretary-General, the interim government should have the appropriate powers and authority that should guarantee the unity, safety and security of the Afghan people, as well as the territorial integrity of Afghanistan. The interim government should also guarantee full respect for human rights, and organize and conduct free and fair elections for the establishment of an elected government of Afghanistan.

I fully agree with the Secretary-General, as stated in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, and once again reiterated through Mr. Benon Sevan, that appropriate international guarantees should be provided in order to enable the interim government to carry out its tasks effectively.

I therefore reiterate my readiness to place the interests of the Afghan people above all personal interests, and it is my fervent hope that all other sides concerned will do likewise.